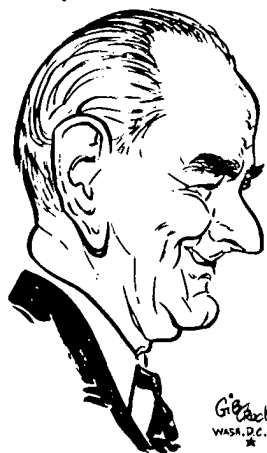


Cartoonists Draw an Invitation to The White House

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WITH THEIR CALLING CARDS in hand, members of the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists gather around President Johnson after presenting a book containing 84 caricatures of him. Each was drawn specially for the memento, a leatherbound volume with a gold "LBJ" imprinted on the cover.

John Stampone, of the Army Times Publishing Co., president of AAEC, made the presentation; then John Milt Morris, of the Associated Press, secretary-treasurer of the association, inducted the Chief Executive as an honorary member of the cartoonists' fraternity. The cartoonists made some sketches of the President on the spot (see samples, above) and he autographed them.

Present for this occasion were: Left to right—Art Poinier, Detroit Free Press; Gene Basset, Scripps-Howard Newspapers; Dan Dowling, New York Herald Tribune; Karl Hubenthal, Los Angeles Herald Examiner; Bill Sanders, Kansas City Star; John Milt Morris, AP; Gib Crockett, Washington Star; John Stampone, Army Times; Charles Werner, Indianapolis Star; Art Wood, U.S. Independent Telephone Association (formerly of the Pittsburgh Press) and Don Hesse, St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

(At the right is a recently published cartoon by Hugh Haynie of the Louisville Courier-Journal commenting on the President's handling of the problem of balancing guns in Viet Nam with butter in the domestic economy.) The President has an enormous collection of original cartoons.



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LBJ Prefers to Meet the Press Informally



HIS FAVORITE APPROACH to newsmen is represented in this picture of President Lyndon B. Johnson conducting a press conference in the living room at the LBJ Ranch in Texas. It is becoming more and more apparent to the White House press corps that their No. 1 news source much prefers this form of conference to the klieg-lighted, televised question-and-answer session in an auditorium.



WITH A LITTLE BIT O' HUMOR, the President gets across a news item during a briefing session with reporters in one of his White House offices. Note Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey's ebullient participation in the laughter (lower right).



COZY AND CORDIAL—Here the President chats with Miss Catherine Mackin, White House reporter for the Hearst Newspapers.



HARD NEWS comes across the President's desk in a personal interview granted to Merriman Smith, UPI's White House correspondent.